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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

CLARIFYING CLIENT-SERVER, GROUPS, AND LOGON-ON / LOG-OFF

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a client-server environment, to manage a configuration of resources on at least one client system, the method on a client system comprising:

receiving on a client system from a server system a file of one or more predetermined events along with one or more c local run-time environmental conditions along with one or more [[user]]selectable configuration settings, wherein the local run-time environmental conditions are determined after a client system has started, and wherein the selectable configuration settings are specific to a group of users on the client system; and

running a monitoring agent on the client system to detect when one or more predetermined events of a user logon-on to the client system or a user log-off from the client system occurs then determining if the one or more local run-time environmental conditions are met and if the conditions are met then automatically applying at least one of the one or more selectable configuration settings on the client system;

wherein at least one of the predetermined events, the settings and the environmental conditions are previously set graphically <u>on the server system</u> using a graphical user interface with one or more user selectable selections therein.

CLARIFYING THE TEMPORAL ASPECT OF LOGON

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the running a monitoring agent on the client system to determine if the predetermined event occurs after a user logons on to the client system, the client system loads an operating system and before an operating system shell is presented to the user includes determining if at least one of a system start-up, a logon, a period of user inactivity, a network connection,

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a process start/stop, an application start/stop, a virus detection, a hardware change, and a message, a logoff, and a system shutdown.

INACTIVITY AFTER LOGON

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[2]]1, wherein the running a monitoring agent on the client system to determine if the predetermined event occurs includes determining if at least one of a period of user inactivity occurs within a predetermined time window.

CLARIFYING THE SCRIPT USES THE CONFIGURATION FILE FROM THE SERVER

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the running a monitoring agent on the client system includes applying at least one the one or more selectable configuration settings on the client system by launching at least one of an additional application and script which uses the file received from the server system, to make a change to the one or more configuration settings.

CLARIFYING A MEMBER OF A GROUP OF USERS

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined events includes authenticating the user of the client system is a member of the specific group of users, and wherein the running a monitoring agent on the client system includes automatically applying at least one of the one or more selectable configuration settings on the client system from the group of configuration settings consisting of security policies, drive mappings, startup applications, registry settings, printer deployment, Internet settings, desktop shortcuts, proxy server access, application paths, Microsoft Office paths, Microsoft Outlook/Exchange mail profiles, profiles, service packs, anti-virus updates, and other policies.

ANTIVIRUS HANDLING

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 5, wherein the running a monitoring agent on the client system for automatically applying at least one of the one

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or more selectable configuration settings on the client system includes running a monitoring agent to determine at least one of an installation and an execution of an unauthorized program and when one of the installation and the execution of the unauthorized program occurs then performing one or more of the following:

disabling a process running the unauthorized program; sending an e-mail notification;

locking access to the client system.

CLARIFYING SETTINGS FOR OPERATING SYSTEM IS A REGISTRY ENTRY (THIS MOVES AWAY FROM VIDEO CONFERENCING SCREEN SAVERS OF THE INTEL PRIOR ART)

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the running a monitoring agent on the client system for automatically applying at least one of the one or more selectable configuration settings on the client system includes one or more selectable configuration settings to a registry setting for an operating system running on the client system.

CONFIGURING AN APPLICTION

8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the running a monitoring agent on the client system for automatically applying at least one of the one or more selectable configuration settings on the client system includes one or more selectable configuration settings for an application running on the client system.

RECEIVING CONFIGURATION FILE THROUGH DIFFERENT MEANS

9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the receiving one or more predetermined events along with one or more local run-time environmental conditions along with one or more user selectable settings includes receiving at least one of the predetermined events, environmental conditions and user selectable settings from a group of computer readable medium consisting of networks, diskettes, CDs, DVDs, and non-volatile memory.

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CONFIGURING WITH A CUSTOM SCRIPT

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[1]]4, wherein the running a monitoring agent on the client system for automatically applying at least one of the one or more selectable configuration settings on the client system includes one or more selectable configuration settings for executing a custom application script so as to cause the custom application program to alter at least one of the configuration settings.

BROAD GROUP OF RUN-TIME CONDITIONS HOWEVER SCREEN SAVERS FOR VIDEO CONFERENCING IN THE INTEL PATENT USE A FEW OF THESE

11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the receiving one or more predetermined events along with one or more local run-time environmental conditions includes one or more environmental conditions of Domain, Site, Organization Unit Computer, Organization Unit User, Group Membership, Primary Group, User Name, TCP/IP address, Host Address, Computer Name, MAC Address, Terminal Services Application Name, Terminal Services Initial Program, Terminal Services Client Name, Terminal Services Session Name, Terminal Services Client TCP/IP Address, operating system, LAN connection, Dial-up connection, Desktop machine, Portables machine, Terminal Services Client, Member Server, and Domain Controller.

FOCUSING ON RUN-TIME CONDITIONS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH SCREEN SAVERS AND VIDEO CONFERENCING FOUND IN THE INTEL PATENT

12. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the receiving one or more predetermined events along with one or more local run-time environmental conditions along with one or more user selectable settings includes receiving one or more local run-time environmental conditions of an IP subnet address, a LAN group membership, and a registry entry.

SAME AS 1 EXCEPT INSTEAD OF LOGON / LOGOFF – STARTUP AND SHUTDOWN

13. (New) A method in a client-server environment, to manage a configuration of resources on at least one client system, the method on a client system comprising:

receiving on a client system from a server system a file of one or more predetermined events along with one or more c local run-time environmental conditions along with one or more selectable configuration settings, wherein the local run-time environmental conditions are determined after a client system has started, and wherein the selectable configuration settings are specific to a group of users on the client system; and

running a monitoring agent on the client system to detect when one or more predetermined events of a start-up or shut down of the client system occurs then determining if the one or more local run-time environmental conditions are met and if the conditions are met then automatically applying at least one of the one or more selectable configuration settings on the client system;

wherein at least one of the predetermined events, the settings and the environmental conditions are previously set graphically on the server system using a graphical user interface with one or more user selectable selections therein.

SAME AS 1 EXCEPT INSTEAD OF LOGON / LOGOFF - HARDWARE CHANGE

14. (New) A method in a client-server environment, to manage a configuration of resources on at least one client system, the method on a client system comprising:

receiving on a client system from a server system a file of one or more predetermined events along with one or more c local run-time environmental conditions along with one or more selectable configuration settings, wherein the local run-time environmental conditions are determined after a client system has started, and wherein the selectable configuration settings are specific to a group of users on the client system; and

running a monitoring agent on the client system to detect when one or more predetermined events of a hardware change to the client system occurs then determining if the one or more local run-time environmental conditions are met and if the conditions are met then automatically applying at least one of the one or more selectable configuration settings on the client system;

wherein at least one of the predetermined events, the settings and the environmental conditions are previously set graphically on the server system using a graphical user interface with one or more user selectable selections therein.

SAME AS 1 EXCEPT INSTEAD OF LOGON / LOGOFF - NETWORK CONNECTION

15. (New) A method in a client-server environment, to manage a configuration of resources on at least one client system, the method on a client system comprising:

receiving on a client system from a server system a file of one or more predetermined events along with one or more c local run-time environmental conditions along with one or more selectable configuration settings, wherein the local run-time environmental conditions are determined after a client system has started, and wherein the selectable configuration settings are specific to a group of users on the client system; and

running a monitoring agent on the client system to detect when one or more predetermined events of a network connection by the client system occurs then determining if the one or more local run-time environmental conditions are met and if the conditions are met then automatically applying at least one of the one or more selectable configuration settings on the client system;

wherein at least one of the predetermined events, the settings and the environmental conditions are previously set graphically on the server system using a graphical user interface with one or more user selectable selections therein.